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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Parish Recycling Coordinators and Contacts

FROM: Karen Fisher-Brasher

Recycling and Litter Program Supervisor

SUBJECT: Recycling Plan Updates and Annual Reports

And Other Important Stuff

And we thought 2005 was a challenging year. .....As most of you know, almost all of the Litter Abatement & Recycling Program staff was reassigned to other tasks by June of 2006. I am still here and trying to ensure that all of the statutory mandates are being satisfied in some manner. Certainly, they are not satisfied as well as they were by the very capably and knowledgeable folks I was blessed work with so many years. They have my deepest appreciation.

**Contact Information** – I depend on email very heavily to get information to you. The addresses I have for several of you are obsolete. To help me communicate effectively with you and reduce wasted resources, please provide – name, phone, fax numbers and email addresses for your current contacts. This information may be emailed to karen.fisher@la.gov.

The Annual Reports - The time has arrived for us to ask for your Recycling Plan Updates and Annual Reports for 2006. Please provide us the best information you have available. You may expedite preparation and processing of this information by using the enclosed form. Your responses are used to formulate our statewide waste reduction and recycling rate. This information is provided to Legislature, to the Environmental Protection Agency and to the numerous individuals and industry trade journals that contact us. Your information also helps us identify where we need to concentrate our efforts. Your report should contain reductions attributed to your own governmental collection program and all other voluntary programs within your jurisdiction. Parishes have a choice between one of the two methods shown on the form for the calculation of the percentage of waste reduction. Please submit your reports to us by April 1, 2007. Phone Numbers and Email Address – My phone number remains unchanged, 225.219.3265. My email remains <a href="mailto:karen.fisher@la.gov">karen.fisher@la.gov</a>. I have a new personal fax 225.325.8105, no cover sheet required.

Thank you for all you do.

**Enclosures**